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Inspection Report
Minerals Regulatory Program
Report Date: April 4, 2005

Mine Name: Picture Rock

Operator or Permittee Name:

Jason Shumway

Permittee Mailing Address:

1025 S. 900 E. 95-15, Blanding, UT 84511

Inspector(s): Paul Baker

Other Participants: None

Permit Status: Reclaimed

Current Acreages: :

Total Permitted (Bonded): 5

Total Disturbed: Unknown--about 3

Permit number: S/037/099

Inspection Date: March 9, 2005

Weather: Mostly clear, 40's

Inspection Start Time: about 4:30 PM

Inspection End Time: about 6:00 PM

Site location/Area Inspected (i.e. Pit #):

Entire area

Surface Ownership: BLM

Mineral Ownership: BLM

Mineral Mined: Decorative building
stone

Type of Mine: Surface

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	N/A	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (open shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Explosives, magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Backfilling and Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

I wanted to see if any vegetation was becoming established and to spread some seed I was able to obtain.

Inspection Summary:

13. Revegetation

The operator has done basic grading and previously requested release, but the Division denied this request because of the lack of vegetation. Last fall, I contacted the San Juan County Road Department to see if they might be willing to scarify the surface, but they would not do it.

I was able to obtain about 30 pounds of seed for no cost. There was a wide variety of species, including Palmer penstemon, Indian ricegrass, shadscale, fourwing saltbush, needle and thread grass, bluebunch wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, blue flax, and bottlebrush squirreltail. During this inspection, I spread the seed over an area of between about one-half and one acre. I then raked the area.

I fully recognize that spring is not the best time to plant seed, but I am still hopeful that some of this seed will be able to grow.

16. Other

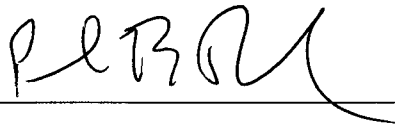
People have been driving over much of the site and, it appears, taking some of the rock that remains. This will be a severe hindrance to establishing vegetation. In doing the planting discussed above, I avoided areas over which people have been driving.

Conclusions/Recommendations:

Ideally, some large rocks should be placed near the road to prevent people from coming on to the site, and the site would be scarified and seeded in the fall. Rock would probably not be necessary and people would not be likely to drive over the area if it was adequately roughened.

I do not know if the operator has the resources available to complete reclamation. If there are problems with doing this work or (in July) with paying the permit fee, I highly recommend that the operator contact the Division so we can discuss alternatives.

Inspector's Signature



Date: April 4, 2005

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cc: Jason Shumway, Operator
Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM

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